

OPINIONS DIFFER ON HISTORY OF HEROES

Dr. Young's Plan to Form Publishing Association Not Generally Approved.

MANY MEN GIVE VIEWS

Daniels Says Navy Is Preserving Data—Butler Sees Conflict With Army Records

The Rev. Dr. S. Edward Young, who suggested in a sermon recently that the association should be formed for the purpose of preserving and distributing the history of every American soldier and sailor killed in the war, and who asked many well known men for their opinions, has received interesting replies, the general tone of which is unfavorable to the idea for practical reasons. Some of the replies follow:

Sec. Daniels—I am glad to advise you that the Navy Department is preserving all the data concerning the present war to the end that a history may eventually be written.

William Dean Howells—Your notion is most opportune and important and I wish that you had any useful suggestions concerning it.

Dr. Henry van Dyke—The idea your enclosure suggests seems to me to be excellent, providing you can get a thoroughly good man to do the work of compiling the historical data.

Sen. George W. Norris—I seem to me doubtful if the creation of committees or organizations would be necessary.

Major August Belmont—The task which you propose to undertake seems to be so stupendous and would require such an enormous clerical force that the cost, in my opinion, must be prohibitive.

Fredin D. Roosevelt—it seems to me, offhand, that if such a work is to be done it should be done by the Government itself.

Major-Gen. Leonard Wood—It is my belief that the best way to handle the data would be through the State historical societies.

Cleveland H. Dodge—I do see that a large volume would serve any particular use. If such a work as has been proposed is deemed advisable I should think it ought to be taken up by some organization already in existence.

Major-Gen. J. Franklin Bell—There can be no question of the value of the work provided that precautions be taken to ensure complete freedom from commercialism, and that the facts be presented in their true light.

Elihu Root—I do not think it practicable. In the first place you could not get the money. I should say anywhere from \$20,000,000 to \$100,000,000 would be necessary. I doubt if you realize the enormous amount of labor in doing anything like this.

John H. Smith—I do not think the subject must be left to the records of the Government.

Senator Hoke Smith—I appreciate your views and fully agree with your suggestions.

Boyd Garrison—I can only suppose that each State might best take up the matter separately, as the task centralized would seem to be of dismaying proportions.

Nicholas Murray Butler—Such an undertaking is certainly admirable but I am wondering whether the material for such a work will fit in the records of the War Department and whether it will be necessary or desirable to duplicate these official rolls.

William Fellowes Morgan—There is a question in my mind whether the desirability will justify the expense.

Charles E. Hughes—Of course it will be desirable at some time to undertake the compilation of such history.

Dr. Frank P. Coxe has asked persons who favor the idea to call a meeting of the country to consider its place and to act as an advisory committee.

MGR. MOONEY ASKS JUSTICE FOR ERIN

Peace Thanksgiving Prayer Contains Plea for Action at Conference.

Mgr. Joseph F. Mooney, a Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, has issued from the Chancery Office his hope and appeal for justice for Ireland at the coming peace conference. His thanks for the way's past and present prayer for a peaceful and just settlement of the Irish question was sent to the priests of the archdiocese. It is as follows:

"The close of the present year of Our Lord witnesses the cessation of the terrible war that had been so long devastating the world. The preliminary steps toward the peace of peace among the recent warring nations have already been taken. For this blessed consummation we surely feel profoundly grateful to Almighty God who out of His infinite goodness and mercy has wrought the desired change."

"In order that the peace which is now contemplated may be a just one and thereby give honor to it may be a lasting one, the President of the United States has thought it well to make an unprecedented journey across the ocean for the purpose of securing and emphasizing the conditions which he conveniently judges to be essential to a durable peace among the nations."

"Self-determination of their own political fortunes and freedom from foreign rule for the nationalities that have been long deprived of their natural rights has been advocated as the chief criterion of justice—the criterions of international justice and law."

"Thus has it been brought about that the interests of the nationalities of Ireland which had never died out under the English yoke to which it had been subjected are being vindicated into men and made manifest that those who had been indifferent or hostile to her claim of nationhood have seen a new light, and that the realization of her national aspirations is looking up among the activities of a not distant future."

"Let us thank God for the prospect that is opening up before us at the beginning of this New Year, this promise of betterment in the fortunes of the land the only Catholic land that has never suffered from the hostility and devotion to the cause of Peter from the day of its great Apostle St. Patrick, to our own."

"May the coming conference of the nations number among its accomplishments—and none can be dearer to us—the peaceful settlement of the question of Ireland."

The Nation's Honor Roll

ARMY.

	Reported Jan. 5.	Total to date.
Killed in action (including 496 at sea).....	65	28,808
Died of wounds.....	56	11,681
Died of disease.....	58	16,979
Died of accident and other causes.....	16	2,280
Wounded in action.....	754	127,794
Missing in action (including prisoners).....	50	19,352
Totals.....	999	206,894

(Corrected according to latest War Department figures.)

MARINES.

	Total to date.
Deaths, all causes.....	2,056
Wounded.....	3,069
Missing in action (including prisoners).....	497
Total.....	5,622

(Corrected according to latest Marine Corps figures.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The following casualties have been made public by the War Department:

ARMY. (Night Report)

Character of casualties is indicated thus: (D) killed in action; (W) died of wounds; (D) died of disease; (A) died of accident and other causes; (M) missing in action; (P) wounded, degree undetermined; (M) missing.

CHARLES, John H., Asst. Capt. Saginaw (MI). MICHAEL, Joseph, Philadelphia (PA). ROBERT, Walter P., Saratoga Springs (NY). MICHAEL, Joseph, Philadelphia (PA). ROBERT, Walter P., Saratoga Springs (NY).

WOODING, Clinton H., sergt. Washington (DC). HARRIS, William K., Baltimore (MD). HUNTER, Robert W., corp. Clearwater (FL). SIMMONS, Walker A., sergt. (WV).

GREGORY, Hugh T., Lieut. Winter Garden (FL). HUNTER, Robert W., corp. Clearwater (FL). SIMMONS, Walker A., sergt. (WV).

HUMPHREYS, Ralph Wilber, Lieut. Linn (MO). HUNTER, Robert W., corp. Clearwater (FL). SIMMONS, Walker A., sergt. (WV).

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